



## THE ELDER AND THE "CAFF."

Oh, Old Widder Bugg was a-weanin' her caff—  
Took a ha'f for herself an' gin him a ha'f.  
Had a nice teetle tro'f an' the caff et there.  
As calm as a sassage, I dew declare.  
Parson he called on the Widder one day,  
Offered to help her pitch down hay:  
"An' the dear teetle caff," says he with a la'f,  
"I reely must feed that dear teetle caff."  
Oh, there's work for me an' there's work for you,  
Hi-deedle-deedle, there's work for to do;  
But it seems to me that each man's hands  
Better stick to the job that he best understands.  
"Lawk," says the Widder, "yew'll mess your clothes!  
Better let me"—but the parson goes,  
Pours the nice warm milk in the nice teetle tro'f.  
But, drat his hide, that caff hangs off.  
Parson he pokes that teetle caff's nose down in the tro'f, an' the caff he blows—  
Whoosh! an' the parson, I vum an' declare,  
Was a river of milk from his toes to his hair.  
She told what he said, did the Widder Bugg.  
An' the church has fired him out, ker-chug!

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—Holman F. Day.

## THE QUESTION.

The congregation in the House cloak-room were talking of stump speaking and the men who interrupt.  
"I got hold of one of those 'yes-or-no' men last fall," said Representative Capron of Rhode Island. "He asked me two or three absurd questions and insisted I should answer him 'yes' or 'no.' I protested that the questions could not be answered by a simple negative or affirmative, but he held on. Finally I said to him:  
"Now, just to show you the injustice of your stand, I will ask you a question and ask you to answer it by a simple yes or no."  
"I'm ready," said my tormentor.  
"All right," I replied. "This is the question: Have you stopped beating your wife?"  
"I was bothered no more than evenin'!" concluded Capron.—Los Angeles Herald.

Janpar—What makes Jimson so sour?  
Jumpuppe—"He once had a success he did not merit, and ever since he has been expecting things he does not deserve."  
—Life.

## MINISTER'S THANKS FOR SUCCOR.

Here is a story with which Senator Thurston regaled some of his New York friends during a recent visit to the city:  
"There was a minister in a little Nebraska town who has two matters which were very close to his heart. He had prayed long and earnestly that the mortgage on the church might be paid off and that he might have a son and heir. Not long ago a boy came to gladden his heart and home, and on the same day the rich man of the village died, leaving \$500, with which to pay off the church debt."  
"The town was wild with excitement over the double event, and bets were freely made as to which subject was closest to the minister's heart and which he would refer to first in his sermon on the following Sunday. The eventful day arrived and excitement ran high. There was an expectant hush when the minister entered the pulpit.  
"My friends," he said, "You know what has been close to my heart for many years, and you know of the joyful happenings of the past week. And now, my friends, I want you to join with me in thanking God for the succor that has been sent us."  
"And then all bets were off."—New York Mail and Express.

## FLATTERY HAD ITS EFFECTS.

"Mr. Depew," said a gentleman, speaking recently of the Senator to a New York Times reporter, "pays a compliment as gracefully as any man, and one would never expect to see him fail to rise to the occasion. It was, therefore, a matter of considerable surprise to me when at a dinner where the Senator was a guest I observed that he allowed to pass several excellent opportunities to compliment a charming young lady of the company. Afterward I commented upon the omission to Mr. Depew himself.  
"You observed the lady?" he asked.  
"Yes," I said.  
"You noticed that she might be extremely sensitive?" he went on.  
"Yes," I replied, though, truth to tell, I hadn't considered the lady's disposition at all.  
"Well," said Mr. Depew, slowly, "I once told a sensitive girl that I thought her as sweet as honey, and the result was disastrous."  
"How so?" I questioned, though I ought to have known better.  
"The Senator answered me in a whisper. 'Next day the lady had hives.'"  
—Tacoma Evening Times.

A heart complaint: "What is the matter with me?" he asked, anxiously. "You show signs of angina pectoris," said the doctor. "You haven't got the girl's name right, doctor."—Ex.

A future President: "There's a boy that'll be President of the United States some day!" "Think so?" "I know it. Ain't a horse in the country that kin throw him!"—Atlanta Constitution.



ONE SHOULD AVOID GETTING HOT IN THE COLLAR.



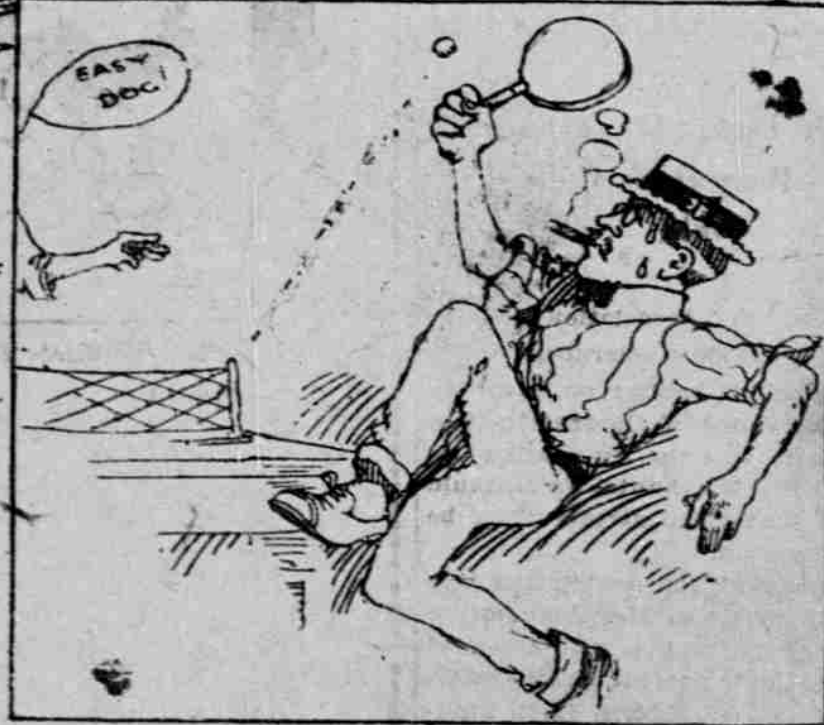
WHY NOT?



THE SURF WILL AFFORD MUCH RELIEF.



FRAPPE CONVERSATIONS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED.



CUT THIS OUT

## PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT LAUDS THE BIBLE

The Baltimore Herald prints a letter from President Roosevelt on "The Bible." The communication furnished an interesting feature of the thirteenth anniversary exercises of the Epworth League of Strawbridge Methodist Episcopal Church of that city. President Roosevelt, together with a large number of other prominent men of the country, was recently asked by Charles P. Cleveland, president of the Strawbridge Epworth League, what class of men and women the world most needs now. President Roosevelt's letter was as follows:

Every thinking man, when he thinks, realizes what a very large number of people tend to forget that the teachings of the Bible are so interwoven and entwined with our whole civic and social life

that it would be literally impossible for us to figure to ourselves what that life would be if these teachings were removed. We would lose almost all the standards by which we now judge both public and private morals; all the standards toward which we, with more or less resolution, strive to raise ourselves. Almost every man who has, by his life work, added to the sum of human achievement of which the race is proud, of which our people are proud, almost every such man has based his life work largely upon the teachings of the Bible. Sometimes it has been done unconsciously, more often consciously, and among the very greatest men a disproportionately large number have been diligent and close students of the Bible at first hand.

Lincoln—sad, patient, kindly Lincoln,

who, after bearing upon his weary shoulders for four years a greater burden than that borne by any other man of the Nineteenth century, laid down his life for the people whom, living, he had served so well—built up his entire reading upon his early study of the Bible. He had mastered it absolutely; mastered it so that he became almost "a man of one book," who knew that book and who instinctively put into practice what he had been taught therein; and he left his life as part of the crowning work of the century that has just closed.

You may look through the Bible, from cover to cover, and nowhere will you find a line that can be construed into an apology for the man of brains who sins against the light. On the contrary, in the Bible, taking that as a guide, you will find that because much has been given to you much will be expected of you, and a heavier condemnation is to be visited upon the able man who goes wrong than upon his weaker brother who cannot do the harm that the other does, because it is not in him to do it.

I plead, not merely for training of the mind, but for the moral and spiritual training of the home and the church; the moral and spiritual training that have always been found in, and that have ever accompanied the study of this book; this book, which, in almost every civilized tongue, can be described as "The Book," with the certainty of all understanding you when you so describe it.

The immense moral influence of the Bible, of course, infinitely the most important, is not the only power it has for good. In addition there is the unceasing influence it exerts on the side of good taste, of good literature, of proper sense of proportion, of simple and straightforward writing and thinking.

This is not a small matter in an age when there is a tendency to read much that even, if not actually harmful on moral grounds, is yet injurious, because it represents sloppish, slovenly thought and work; not the kind of serious thought, of serious expression, which we like to see in anything that goes into the fiber of our character.

The Bible does not teach us to shirk difficulties, but to overcome them. That is a lesson that each one of us who has children is bound in honor to teach these children, if he or she expects to see them become fitted to play the part of men and women in our world.

If we read the Bible aright we read a book which teaches us to go forth and do the work of the Lord; to do "the work of the Lord in the world as we find it; to try to make things better in this world, even if only a little better, because we have lived in it. That kind of work can be done only by the man who is neither a weakling nor a coward, by the man who, in the fullest sense of the word, is a true Christian—like Great Heart, Bunyan's hero. We plead for a closer and wider and deeper study of the Bible, so that our people may be in fact as well as in theory "doers of the word and not hearers only."

The Old Conundrum: Miss Riverside Drye—She refuses to marry him unless he resigns from Tammany Hall. He—Well, which will it be, "the lady or the tiger?"—Judge.

Progress: Castleton—"I have been making some big improvements in my library." Clibberly—"What have you been doing?" Castleton—"Oh, giving away a lot of books."—Detroit Free Press.

Change of Water often brings on diarrhoea. For this reason many experienced travelers carry a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with them to be used in case of an emergency. This preparation has no equal as a cure for bowel complaints. It cannot be obtained while on board the cars or steamship, and that is where it is most likely to be needed. Buy a bottle before leaving home. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., wholesale agents, sell it.

The "sun pillar" that lately attracted widespread attention in England was an orange perpendicular shaft of light reaching 5 deg. to 10 deg. above the horizon. One explanation is reflection from tiny ice crystals.

## SCIENTIFIC

Butter from sterilized cream is now made on a large scale in Sweden and Denmark.

A lately completed list of fungi gives the total now known as 52,157, not less than 453 species and varieties having been added since August, 1899.

A peculiar snow observed on Mont Malet in the Alps has been reported by M. A. Brun. It is called "Caucasian snow," and is very porous, with grains reaching an eighth of an inch in size. The slight adhesion of these grains gives great liability to avalanches.

The last discovered and most distant of great planets, Neptune, extends the solar system more than 1,000 million miles. Prof. George Forbes is seeking an even more distant planet, so confidently that he has actually named it Victoria, and he expects that it will be found about 10,000 million miles from the sun.

An injection of fluorescein is the novel test of Dr. Icard, of Marseilles, for detecting life in a supposed corpse. A gramme of this coloring matter in solution will color 45,000 quarts of water, and a little of it will make the body grass green in two minutes if there is any circulation, the color harmlessly disappearing in a couple of hours.

The new sewage disposal scheme of a German chemist, Erich Springborn, is the conversion of the solid matter into blocks for fuel. This fuel is reported to be smokeless and to burn without disagreeable odor, and the cost of the process would be covered by the sale of the blocks at a moderate price for burning under steam-boilers. The sewage is so thoroughly sterilized that the liquid portion can be safely discharged into any river.

The use of automobile goggles is especially objectionable to women. Substitutes have been sought in paper fans, artistically painted masks, and even masks of beaten silver, but all these have proven ineffective as a guard for the eyes or otherwise unsatisfactory. The pica veil is the happy thought of a man milliner. It is transparent, very light, and both dust and air proof, and it can be tied over the hat like any veil.

An effective remedy for sleeplessness is reported by Dr. von Gellhorn to be a band of wet muslin, about eighteen inches wide, wound around the lower part of the leg. The bandage is covered by sutra percha tissue and the stocking, and in some cases is replaced every three or four hours. The effect is to dilate the vessels of the leg, thus diminishing the blood in the head and producing sleep. The temperature of the ear passage has been reduced 3/4 deg. F. in 15 minutes, returning to normal only after 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

The superintendent of the only establishment producing liquid air commercially reports a weekly consumption of 150 gallons at the present time. The carriers are so well insulated that a gallon will not wholly evaporate under about a month, and recent improvements have largely diminished the loss from their fragility. The modern system of liquefaction yields a pound of liquid air per pound of coal used. As a source of power, a supply of 17 gallons has driven an automobile 50 to 60 miles, and while too costly for stationary engines, the substance will be useful for submarine and aerial navigation. Other possible uses, of course, are numerous.



RUNNING THE EASTERN DOWN



A 12-FOOT ALBATROSS



WHEN FISHING WAS GOOD



"A HAPPY FAMILY"

SOME NOVEL SCENES ON BOARD SHIP DIRIGO RECENTLY IN PORT.